GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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REPAIR/MAINTENANCE OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN N.E. STATES
PATY RIPPLE KYNDIAH

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the fund allocated for the repair and maintenance of the National Highways in all the North Eastern States, during the last three years and as on date;

(b) whether the annual allocation of funds have been utilised; (

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken for the proper utilisation of the funds allocated ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) E KHANDURI]

(a) & (b) National Highways in North Eastern States are being developed and maintained by three agencies viz. State Public Works Departments, Border Roads Organization and National Highways Authority of India. The funds allocated and utilized for the development and maintenance of the National Highways in the North Eastern States during the last three years and for 2002-2003 are as under:

(Rs. in lakh.)

	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03 (Up to 31-10-2002)
Funds Allocated	27811.27	30679.16	39610.27	43067.92
Funds utilized	24738.82	28788.43	37687.12	10228.52

(c) & (d) Under-utilization of the funds is mainly due to poor fund flow through the State Governments and prevailing law and order situation. In order to expedite flow of funds, Direct Payment Procedure for development and major items under maintenance has been introduced since 2000-2001 in the States of Assam, Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland. Matter is taken up with the State Governments for expeditious utilisation of funds.